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## Our Apology

To all our readers we extend our humble apology for the delay in publishing the September issue of YOUTH. Unforeseen circumstances are the excuse we give.

However, we will endeavor to publish future issues at the beginning of every month.

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## A Time of Renewed Hope

September has always been an important time of year for young people. It is the beginning of a new school year for many while for others it means the beginning of a new career at University or elsewhere. For still others, especially those with jobs, it means that the holiday season is over and a long period of work lies ahead before there is any relief.

September is also a very important time for U.C.Y. organizations across the country. It sparks the revival of U.C.Y. locals and formulates plans for the coming year. If this isn't done with enough enthusiasm and co-operation it may very well lead to having a club which is barely existing. Careful planning is always important to achieve success in any field. The former executive of a local should take charge until a new slate of officers is elected. The meetings should be made interesting and enjoyable and a friendly hand should be extended to new members. Very often, prospective U.C.Y. members who could be a great credit to the club turn away in disgust because of the inefficient way in which early meetings are held and because they feel like intruders. We should encourage every Catholic boy and girl to join our organization and we should conduct it in such a way as to make them want to remain as a member. Every local should also set definite objectives which it would like to accomplish during the coming year. The objectives should be of such a nature that they not only contribute to the enjoyment of the members but should also aid the local parish and strengthen our own Youth organization.

At this time please consider our humble appeal that you urge your U.C.Y. local to undertake a Help-the-YOUTH project. If you do, it will not be long before the YOUTH is completely self-supporting. If we were to make subscriptions pay for the cost of publication we would have to charge you more than double the present rate. However, we do not want to do that even though every other publication has done so. The subscription rate today is the same as it was thirteen years ago when the YOUTH first began publication. As you know, the cost of everything has gone up considerably since then.

The YOUTH magazine is something every U.C.Y. member should have in common. It should be the means by which we can learn about each other and about our club activities. In this way, we could very

easily become a well-known and influential organization. However, we are very far from that at present. Let us tell you why.

You, our present readers, are our most ardent supporters without whose help we couldn't exist. However, your number is very small and it wouldn't be fair to ask you to accept the financial burden of making this magazine self-supporting. As you know, our constitution states that every U.C.Y. member must subscribe to the YOUTH magazine. As things now stand, that section might very well be left out because it isn't being enforced by the majority of locals. We'll go out on a limb and state that less than ten per cent of all the U.C.Y. locals in Canada have their members as subscribers. Over ninety per cent of the locals do not have so much as a single subscriber on our lists. This isn't a wild guess either. In fact, it is a very generous estimate. If this comes as a sort of shock to you, we hope it will fire you with enough zeal and determination to help us.

We cannot make the YOUTH pay for itself until we have more subscribers and until every U.C.Y. local helps us in some way. At this point we would like to thank our present readers and especially those locals who sent Press Fund donations to us. Your help was greatly appreciated and very welcome. Although we did not reach our objective and the YOUTH is still accumulating debt, we are happy to report that our debt was smaller than for the past several years. If we can just exert ourselves more, the next year may well be the golden one in the YOUTH'S history. Wouldn't that be a wonderful achievement? Will you please help?

As we mentioned before, encourage your local to sponsor an activity for the YOUTH. Then, set your sights on those people who do not yet subscribe to our publication. First try to get every member of your club to be a subscriber and then encourage others. If your local would like to get sample copies of the YOUTH for free distribution, write to us at once, tell us how many copies you want, and we will be glad to send them to you. Let's really make a concentrated drive to boost our circulation and to make our own publication a really successful one.

We are the first to admit that in its present format, the YOUTH might not be everything you would like it to be. However, we are always open to suggestion and welcome criticism. We try to do the best we can. If there are ways in which you think we could improve, by all means let us know. This is our magazine. Let's work on it together and make it the best youth publication on the continent.

# Vocation Notes

A Challenge to Youth — by Fr. M. Daciuk, O.S.B.M.

Dear Readers of the "Youth" Magazine:

Through the kindness of your Editor, I was given permission to write a series of articles on the topic that should concern all of us very deeply because it deals so very closely with salvation of our immortal souls. So with God's help I will endeavour to put through my one big objective—and that it to make all our Ukrainian Catholic Youth more VOCATION MINDED. Only if they regularly think about vocations will they be interested in the matter at all—maybe in deciding to embrace a priestly or religious vocation themselves, or, at least in helping to foster such vocations in others. The point is that, in either case, realization must come before action; people won't desire to do something about vocations if they are not habitually conscious of the need and value of vocations.

And knowing about the great need of vocations to the priesthood, sisterhood and the brotherhood the Franciscan Fathers in the United States have organized a Pious Union called "The Seraphic Society for Vocations", or briefly known as the "SSV". Its main purpose is to foster a crusade of prayer to promote vocations among the Catholic youth. Through this simple medium they desire to develop in the hearts of boys and girls a "Catholic" attitude towards vocations, a consciousness of the need of vocations and an understanding of what a religious vocation really means. This SSV soon became nationwide and has wrought

abundant fruits in the field of vocation amongst the Latin Catholics.

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is also in dire need of more vocations to the religious life. And the most successful means for increasing these vocations amongst our own youth is also through prayer. This is the teaching of our Lord Jesus. One day during His exhortations He compared the people of His day, hungering for the truths of religion, to a vast grain field ripe for the harvest. Then He said to His circle of disciples, "The harvest is indeed great, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest". Prayer is, therefore, the means Christ advises for obtaining vocations.

So will you, dear readers, permit me to ask you to PRAY—specifically, to say three Hail Marys—daily throughout the coming school year for more vocations in our Ukrainian Catholic Church. The little sacrifice on your part will, in the first place, make yourselves vocation-minded and will also help many a young soul in following its calling to the service of God. May I feel assured that all our young readers have promised to make it their duty to say "three Hail Marys" every day to obtain more vocations for our Church.

## The First Priest

The first missionary was our Lord Himself. He left His Father, His beautiful home in heaven to live and suffer on earth among sinners, to teach them the Truth and show

them the only way to save their souls.

In coming down to earth to save the sinner, Jesus was entirely obedient to His heavenly Father's wish. "Behold I come — to do thy will" O God". Ps. 39. He knew what God wanted Him to do and was faithful to Him. "Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death of the cross." That was His vocation in life and He never failed to be true in going about doing good, warning the wicked, helping those in need, trying to save those who were in danger of being lost forever.

Isn't this a wonderful example for all boys and girls in following a Divine vocation? A boy who wishes to become a priest — perhaps a missionary — leaves his father and mother, his home, because he loves God more than anyone else, or anything else. In doing so he obeys the call of God to "Come Follow Me", to help many poor sinners in their struggle to get to heaven.

A girl who desires to become a sister sacrifices very much that could make her happy in the world. But she, realizing that her happiness lies in obediently serving Jesus as His Bride, leaves the joys of the world to enjoy the hundredfold which God promises to all such generous souls.

What a truly consoling work it is to spend one's life in making God known to others, in teaching others to be good, how to come to the eternal joys in heaven. How delighted will God be with us when ever so many souls turn to Him again because we have shown them the way. How great will our reward be for such self-sacrificing service.

God is constantly calling for more boys and girls to help Him in this huge work. If He is calling you, remember He is at the same time preparing for you a special large reward in heaven. Isn't all this worth praying for? . . . So it will be: three Hail Mary's a day for more vocations.

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## VALUE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A club is made up of individuals. If the individuals are strong it is only reasonable to expect a strong club. More than ever the world to-day needs these strong individuals as good leaders and intelligent followers. We feel that if each member works toward personal sanctification and as a club help each other to be better people we shall be following a constructive plan to further the ultimate aims of our club and make the world a little better because of our efforts. Our club will thus be helping to produce better potential members of our

future community and our Catholic clubs in later years.

Many factors play in the making of a solid character. Education takes a prominent role. Although we obtain our education from many sources, for example in the home and Church, it is the formal education given in our classroom that we would like to stress here. We urge our members of student category to enrol in a Catholic school if they have not already done so. It is there that one can sooner come to the realization that facts in themselves are not so very important;

it is there that one will be taught to subordinate them to character development and direct knowledge to the Eternal End, to develop knowledge into wisdom. If a graduate carries away with him a nucleus of knowledge, the knowledge of how to study, and a way of thinking much has been accomplished. A good education, as different from mere training in facts, is the laying of a solid foundation on which to build the edifice, our lives.

In Canada we, Ukrainian Catholics, have our own schools located in Yorkton, Wininpeg and Ancaster. Our youth should not deny themselves the opportunity and the privilege of attending one of our Academies as a resident student if at all possible. The experiences and joys of boarding school life will be remembered always. Where better than by living for twenty-four hours a day with a group of young people like ourselves can we come to appreciate the culture of our ancestors seasoned by the ideas of the New World? Where better than by living for twenty-four hours a day

under the same roof as Our Lord in the tabernacle can we become more aware of His ever present Being? Where better than by living for twenty-four hours a day in a group with many, many personality differences can we better get the opportunity to learn to live in harmony with people? Many educational groups marvel at the quality of the education given in our schools. Why are we so slow to appreciate our own accomplishments and opportunities? Although in the West our schools are better known, in the East Mount Mary Immaculate Academy in Ancaster is a new idea, a new approach in preserving all that gives us the name Ukrainian Catholics, a new weapon in combating the problems of the Modern World. Consult your parish priest for further details and enrol now in one of our schools. In that way you will be assuring that our Ukrainian Catholic community shall be strong because it will be one educated in its beliefs.

Submitted by National Executive of U.C.Y.

## Eastern Diocese Carnival "Queen of Eastern Canada"

Who will be the lucky girl to receive this title, this no one will know until Octobebr 12th, 1957 at the Coronation Rally. However, every member of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth still has the opportunity up until September 28th to help the girls of their club to win this title. It is our duty to help the girls to sell their books, not only for the title, but for the Uk-

rainian Catholic Youth Organization.

The Eastern Diocesan Executive is sponsoring a gala Carnival in order to present to Eastern Canada a queen from one of the Ukrainian Catholic Clubs. This carnival is not only being put on just for the benefit of the youth, but is also for the parishioners and their friends.

The following clubs have submit-

ted girls in the campaign for the queen: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Josephat's Cathedral, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, all from Toronto; St. Mary's Catholic Church, from Grimsby; St. Mary's Catholic Church, from Niagara Falls; Holy Ghost Catholic Church, from Montreal. In order to become a queen, each girl is selling books for herself and her own particular club and church. The girl who has sold the most books within her parish will become queen for her club; thus, upon being crowned there will be six queens representing their clubs. The amount of books sold by the other girls will be added to that sold by the queen, and the club with the most votes will have the honour of presenting her as the

first Queen of the Eastern Diocese.

On Saturday September 28th, the crowning of each queen and the grand draw will be held in the fabulous Empress Room of the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto. Each parish will take part in the ceremonial procession and will have the opportunity of seeing their girls receiving the honours. The girls should all remember that they cannot all be queens, there must be some losers. To us they are not losers, but good members to have tried to help the Ukrainian Catholic Youth Clubs to grow and to become stronger.

The Diocesan Executive wishes to extend to all the girls participating in this carnival the very best of luck in their quest for the title of Queen of Eastern Canada.

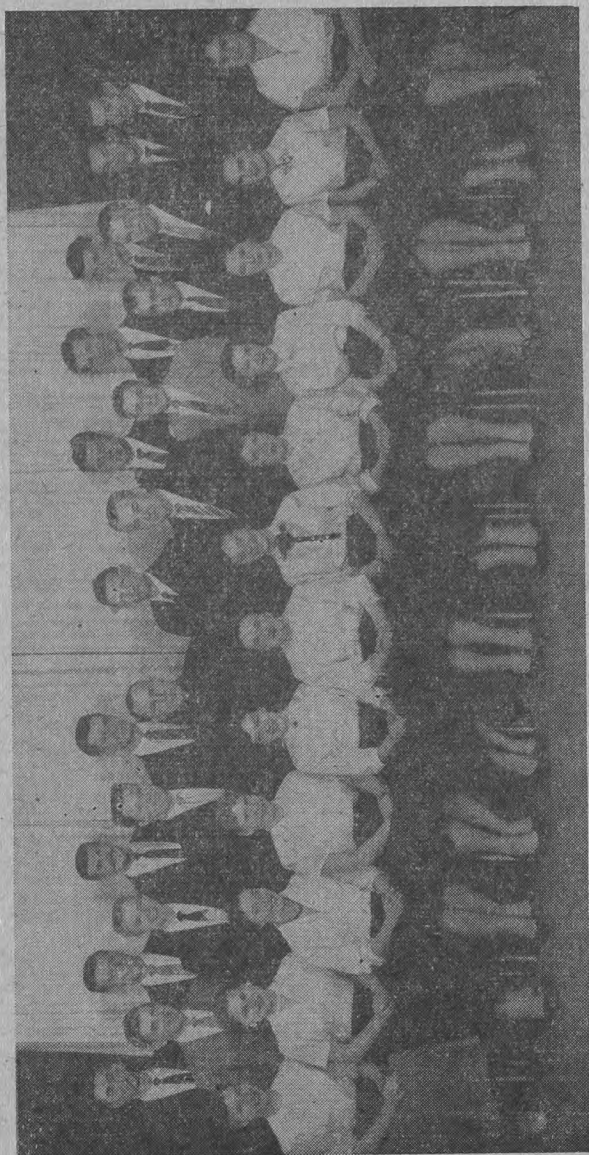
## St. Mary's U.C.Y., Grimsby Ont.

The Date Book of Grimsby, U.C.Y. never seems to have a blank page and that's the way we like it. Enthusiasm, excitement and progress are some of the tools that help to make a happy club.

First of all, lets catch up on old business. Two Communion breakfasts were held in the past few months with a very excellent showing. Plans for the trip to Rochester during lilac time were completed and despite very bad weather, the trip was safely made. A 40 passenger bus was chartered by the U.C.Y. and neighboring clubs like Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Joseph's, and Hamilton, joined us on our expedition. The girls made oodles of chicken and salad and an outdoor picnic was the highlight of the trip.

We didn't see too many lilacs but what we did see is worth remembering. We were welcomed by Rochester U.C.Y. and invited to attend their dance at night which we did.

Well, we completed our outside dance platform of cement with the special smooth finish and we had a picnic and dance to celebrate the end of a lot of hard work by our "strong" boys (we had to get a plug in for them) and the beginning of a lot of outdoor fun. By the way, the girls did their share of wax jobs too. Another picnic was held on August 11th with a bigger and better turnout. Tickets were sold on a chaise lounge which was won by Mr. Roy Smerek. As for the orchestra, well — if you like polkas, dreamy tangos, snappy jives, and smooth



U.C.Y. at Grimsby

waltzes, then you would love the music of Mr. Stan Hargott.

Now for new business and the youth project. The youth is working on landscaping around the Church. So far, a sidewalk has been constructed bordering the lawn and the front lawn is being filled in where new grass is going to be sown in the spring. It is a big job but the boys are working together very well and signs of progress are beginning to show.

We are all looking forward to September 28th when the queen of the U.C.Y. will be selected from the three girls we have running in competition here, and the queens from all the other Youth Clubs will also be chosen in Toronto. The girl who

wins will represent her club at the Convention in Montreal in October. So, anyone who hasn't got their tickets is asked to purchase them from Irene Szeszak, Mary Macara, or Betty Babiuk, as you wish, or better still buy a little from each one. You know — YOU just might win. It's for a good cause and the prizes are terrific.

If you're vacationing in the vicinity of the Niagara Peninsula we would like to invite you to drop in to see us. We have our meetings every Tuesday night at 8:30 during the summer. And, if we don't see you at the Convention, we'll look for you in the "YOUTH".

Betty Joan Babiuk,  
Club Reporter.

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## U.C.Y. of the Year

This year the U.C.Y. will designate some U.C.Y. local as the club of the year from the standpoint of the YOUTH magazine. The club so chosen will have a group picture in the magazine together with a historical write-up. In addition, we will feature it on the cover of our magazine. The things we will consider will be:

1. The club which will be the first to have 100% of the members as subscribers to the YOUTH. Where this is not possible, the closest percentage to 100 will be taken.
2. The club which sponsors some activity or activities, the proceeds of which will go to the YOUTH Press Fund.
3. The club which will obtain some advertising for the YOUTH.
4. The club which will try to interest other U.C.Y. locals as well as individuals to take a greater interest in the YOUTH magazine.

Why not bring this matter up at your next U.C.Y. meeting and see if your club can't qualify for this honor. If it does, it will become one of the best known locals in Canada because we will really boost it in this magazine. If necessary, half the pages in this magazine will be reserved for write-ups and pictures of the club.

## Джерело молодости

Кажуть, що коли Христофор Колумб відкрив Америку, з ним був один чоловік, що називався Понсе де Леон. По короткім постою в новім краю, цей товариш Колумба довідався від місцевих індіан про надзвичайне джерело — Джерело молодости. Після пояснень індіан виходило, що це джерело мало до себе це, що хто напився з нього води, мав все остати молодим і ніколи не старітися. Очевидно, що Понсе де Леон дуже зацікавився цим джерелом, ніколи не старітися — все бути молодим — це щось чудове! Так думав собі Понсе. В нім розгорілось бажання не тільки самому напиться цієї води, але ще й взяти трохи тої води зі собою до Європи. Якого багатства міг він добитися, роздаючи цікавим людям цю чудесну воду! Прецінь королі та найбагатші люди давали б йому свої найбільші скарби за кілька краплин цієї надзвичайної води! Тож чи дивуватися йому, що він так дуже сим зацікавився?

Отож Понсе постановив собі що за всяку ціну має це джерело віднайти, навіть якщо б він нічого більше у своїм житті не зміг. Вибрався він з місцевими індіанами шукати за цим джерелом. Шукав за ним ціле своє життя — але не найшов його.

А якщо б був його найшов, що за радість була б і для нього і для всіх людей! Посідати багато знання, що його дає старший вік і довгий досвід, і це получить з численними радощами, що питомі тільки молодим! Шкода, що того джерела не найшов; шкода, що це тільки така історія!

Чи справді нема такого джерела? Чи нема Джерела Молодости? Так. е!

Таке джерело — Джерело Молодости справді існує! Воно є правдиве, дійсне! А є ним Ісус Христос, утаєний у Пресв. Євхаристії.

Що це є правда, каже нам не якась історія, не якісь люди, але сам Христос — Непомильна Прада, Бог! Як же ж інакше можна зрозуміти Його слова: "Хто їсть моє тіло та п'є мою кров, ніколи не зазнає смерті".

Як може це бути? Так прецінь тільки людей повмирали, хоч споживали з цього джерела молодости! Та треба знати, що хто п'є з цього Джерела Молодости, цей таки не вмирає! Він живе і житиме вічно з Христом. Хоч тіло помре, однак душа остає жива й колись і тіло встане, щоб разом з душею злучитись та користати зі щастя, що його дає чудесне Боже Джерело Молодости — Христос.

Всі діточі казки звичайно кінчуться висказом: "І вони жили собі щасливо від тоді по всяк час—вічно" Це можна сказати по правді тільки про тих людей, що побожно черпали і споживали з правдивого Джерела Молодости — Христа. Тільки вони вічно житимуть радощами, що їх дає і може дати тільки Христос.

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Caller: "I must see the judge."

Secretary: "I'm sorry, sir, but he is at dinner."

Caller: "But look here, my reputation is in peril."

Secretary: "It can't be helped, sir. His honor is at steak."

Landlady: "Now, if there's anything you want, just let me know, and I'll show you how to do without it."

## Борщів, Алта.

Субота 18-го серпня, 1957 р. лишилась на завжди в пам'яті п. Семіона, сина п-ва Місяків з Брус, Алберти і Єлисавети, доньки п-ва Михаїла Грабця з Борщева. Того ж дня перед престолом Всевишнього в церкві Пречистої Діви Марії в Райлії вони прийняли св. Тайну Подружжя, що уділив Пр. о. Пирсел. Рівно ж побажав молодят ласк Божих і багато щастя в їхньому житті.

Молодята є гарно виховані в релігійному дусі бо їхні родичі є практикуючими католиками. Молодий Семіон є фермером, який любить у господарстві, а молода Єлисавета є учителькою. Вона належала до місцевого товариства Юнацтва.

Весільна гостина відбулася в Народнім Домі в Борщеві. Господарем гостини був п. Петро Євчин, голова Народного Дому. В своїй промові по-

бажав молодят здоров'я і щастя в новому житті. Відтак говорив п. Юрій Мишій висказуючи радість яку переживають молодята в день свого вінчання, і побажав їм щоб та радість осталась їм на завжди і щоб їх мрії сповнилися, а вони знайшли щастя в житті. Пан Михайло Пожорнюк завізав гостей до жертви на добрі ціли як католицьку пресу і Сиротинець. Збірка принесла 21.50, з чого рішили дати 5.00 на Світло, 5.00 на Юнацтво, а 11.50 на Сиротинець у Мондері. Відтак молодята подякували родичам за виховання і за гостину а гостям за численну участь.

Опісля продовжувалася забава а родина і гості обдарували молодят гарними дарунками. Жертводавцям щира подяка а молодій парі Семіонові і Єлисаветі бажаємо всього найкращого на новій дорозі життя.

Учасник.  
Юрій Мишій.

## LOST TIME

Some morning, when we least expect it, the sun rises on our last day of life. The time is short and we make a hurried preparation. We pray then as we never prayed before! We pour out our souls in regret for the lost days and hours. We would give a million worlds for another week, another year, in which to make up for lost time.

Lost time! The time that could be devoted to prayer and good works! The time that has no importance in our eyes while we are well and strong! The time that is

spent in worldliness, in sin, in vain amusements, in the things that do not count; in everything but the one thing useful and profitable — prayer.

The world blinds us — the flesh draws us away from God—the devil always furnishes us with a pretext. And we are going along through life giving no thought to the wasted hours, never thinking of economizing time until there is a question of spending it in the things for which time was made—the love and service of God.

—The Word of God.

## The St. Josaphat's U.C.Y.

Yes, it's true that the 1956-57 term is over and almost time for our new term to commence. Our past term has certainly been very successful and enjoyable. There was never a dull moment at St. Josaphat's U. C. Y. as each one was involved in either Spiritual, Sports or cultural activities. On behalf of the co-operation of approximately two hundred members many, highlights were achieved through the year, which will be highly cherished by all members.

Our club year began in September with approximately ninety members. However, with all our sport enthusiasts, many more were added to our list. Bowling itself was a great highlight and success. We had approximately forty faithful members in our league. We also sponsored a Christmas Draw where a "Lamp" was given away to the lucky winner. This, of course, gave us the necessary funds to end our bowling season with a bang. However, the biggest bang occurred when St. Josaphat's U.C.Y met St. Basil's U. C. Y. for the annual play off for the Western Diocesan Trophy. We not only won, but have taken the trophy for three consecutive years. Perhaps we don't have professional bowlers, but they're certainly well on their way.

To end our bowling season we had an enjoyable banquet at Club Mocombo with approximately two hundred members and guests present.

We also had a hockey team. Frankly, we didn't make history, but it was certainly fun trying.

Weak as our team was, every Sunday throughout the winter season we always made an appearance to once again fight a losing battle against the undefeated St. Basil's. Although we didn't prove successful winning the hard fought games I believe we gained far more in learning sportsmanship.

During the last part of April we had a Sportsman's Dinner in our church auditorium with Rollie Miles as guest speaker. The proceeds of this event went in support of the Sports League. With the financial aid, we were also able to organize a baseball team which demanded a great deal of time and effort. As this was our first organized baseball team we were able to get into the intermediate league. Although our baseball team didn't come out as the top league players, we did, however, win the Northern Alberta Baseball Trophy. Our congratulations go to all boys concerned as they certainly earned it and there is no doubt our boys will make the headlines in the not too distant future.

With regard to Spiritual activities, we have had two Communion Breakfasts in which everyone undertook his duty to make them a great success. Our first Communion Breakfast was held at the beginning of the season and the other took place during the Easter fasting. The later one was a combined effort with the Men's Club where everyone participating felt that their Easter duty was well performed.

St. Josaphat's also had a girl's retreat at the Star of the North Re-

treat House in St. Albert. Twenty girls attended the retreat and we have hopes that this number will increase in time. We are especially hopeful that we can organize a successful retreat for boys.

Father Skwarok's interest in opening a book club for interested members is greatly appreciated. A great number of girls also took advantage of Father Skwarok's study Club for the girls.

We also benefited by the religious lectures given to us through the kind co-operation of either Father Sloboda, Father Skwarok or Father Markiw during our U.C.Y. meetings which we tried to hold every second week.

Entertainment is a big concern for the St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. and we certainly feel fortunate in having an auditorium in our church to make use of it. After our meetings everybody enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent by either dancing, playing whist or watching a movie. To keep everybody happy coffee, cake and donuts were served after each occasion.

In closing we are extending our sincere thanks to our Executive, our Spiritual Directors, Father Sloboda and Father Skwarok, and to all concerned in making our U.C.Y. year successful.

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## Regina U.C.Y.

Due to a misplaced letter the following write-up did not appear in the YOUTH even though it was written a few months ago. Because of the fact that it contains pertinent information which is independent of time relations, we are happy to include it in this issue. Our sincere apologies go to the Regine U.C.Y. for the delay in publication of this article.

Communion breakfasts play an apologies go to the Regina U.C.Y. club. Here are two of the speakers that we have had at our monthly Communion breakfasts:

1. B. L. Korchinski of Hafford, Saskatchewan, M.L.A. for Redberry and one of the founders of the U.C.Y. which originated in Hafford in 1937, gave a history of the U.C.Y. and the purpose of such an organization. It is to promote good citizens

of Canada on principles of good citizenship and practical Catholics by this organization spread throughout Canada and each Ukrainian parish has such an organization, and if it has not, it should in the near future be able to organize a Club with the aid of the spiritual director the parish priest and if possible with the aid also of the more organized local nearby.

He said, "We people of the Ukrainian origin have our religion, church, traditions, works of art and particularly the language to offer. We should be proud of the Ukrainian and no longer feel inferior. The Ukrainians were not highly educated when they came to Canada. They left their native land because they were serfs and were persecuted. In this country, they immigrated in large numbers. Many are now high-

ly educated and have taken a leading role in government. In fact, Senator Wall is one of the youngest senators in the House. He was chosen for his abilities and great contribution to Canada.

2. Rev. Cornelius J. Pasichny O.S.B.M. held a three-day retreat for the Youth. This consisted of evening lectures which ended with a Communion breakfast. His speech was brief but emphatic. Following are some excerpts:

"It is a challenge to each Catholic to fight the way to eternal destiny as that is what each one of you should be concerned about. There are hindrances:

1. The devil who likes us to be not happy because he lost his happiness which he once had.

2. It is human nature with its human inclinations for possessions.

3. Bad influence; movies; bad books; bad company, etc."

He went on to explain the following terms:

**Sancitfying grace** is that which we adopt in our souls in order of creating eternal inheritance in heaven.

**actual grace** it is a sign of fighting Christian battles; in club, etc. to overcome our difficulties in leading a good Christian life.

**Tillie Tomski**

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## Suggestions

Recently we received a letter from the National Executive of the U.C.Y containing suggestions for the YOUTH magazine which we found very interesting and which we would like to implement with your help. We believe that these suggestions would really help to make the YOUTH a more efficient organ of the U.C.Y. Will you please help?

1. That we have a "Personality of the Month"—a write-up on an individual who has been an active member of the U.C.Y. Each issue would contain one such write-up and a different diocese would be represented every month. This would give each diocese three personalities a year. A photo would be included with each write-up. This would mean closer relationship with each Diocesan Executive and an opportunity for the U.C.Y. members, locals and executives to fulfill their obligations to the YOUTH.

2. That the YOUTH be notified in advance of the holding of any U.C.Y. convention, conference or rally in any Diocese. This, in turn, would be followed by a report or minutes of the event.

3. That the YOUTH publish the names, address of secretary and photograph of each Diocesan Executives. This would introduce the U.C.Y. members to their responsible leaders causing a closer relationship between members and executives.

# St. Josaphat sacrificed his life for Ukraine

**MICHAEL SCHUDLO, CSSR.**

The blood of the Saints is the best guarantee of God's blessing. With their blood shed for their brethren the Martyrs obtain innumerable graces for their country.

St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, the Ukrainian martyr, was ready to die for his country, that it might be Catholic and independent. When he was leaving Polotsk on his way to Vitebsk where he was murdered by the adversaries of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, he hurried to the church and prayed for his brethren. He prostrated himself before the tabernacle and prayed fervently, spreading out his hands in the form of the cross:

"My God, although my merits are as nothing compared with Yours which are infinite, in Thy gracious goodness grant me the grace of offering my life for the salvation of my Ukraine."

Then he rose and said to those who were assembled around him: "I am fully aware of the plot of the opponents of the Union. I am glad that I am going to certain death for Christ."

He assured the present people that no one would be hurt except him: "If it happens at Vitebsk," he said "then only I will die. No one else besides me will perish." His prophecy was literally fulfilled. Although some of his servants were severely beaten by the raging and incited crowd, Josaphat alone was killed for the allegiance of the Ukrainians to the Popes of Rome.

## **God's anger upon the murderers**

When the adversaries of St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, a holy Ukrainian Catholic archbishop, killed him in 1623, the people of Polotsk saw over the city of Vitebsk where the crime had been committed, a fiery column reaching to the very skies.

In Polotsk itself, Simeon, the two-year-old son of Dorotheus Archimovych, a city official, exclaimed on the day of the murder: "Oh father, the holy one has died!"

His parents were amazed, for the child till then had been unable to say a word. And when they asked the child: "Which holy one died?", the little one replied: "The one that built the white church." This was what everyone called the church which had been rebuilt by St. Josaphat.

After this the child remained speechless until he reached the proper age for the child to speak intelligently. The parents and the servants of the house who heard the child's words were very puzzled. It was not until the next day that word was brought from Vitebsk that St. Josaphat had been killed by the adversaries of the union of the Ukrainian Church with successors of St. Peter, the Popes of Rome.

## **UKRAINIAN SCIENTIST**

The Russian Communist party invited a Ukrainian physiologist, a member of the Communist party since 1942, to lecture on the incompatibility of science and religion. The outstanding scientist refused.

When pressed by his party chiefs, he told them frankly: "Don't force me to tell the people things which I myself do not believe. I cannot carry on scientific propaganda against God, for I am a believer myself."

It is surprising to hear such things from a young scientist raised in the Communist schools. The younger generation of Ukraine is disillusioned in Communism. Numerous boys and girls are publicly frequenting the church services. The myth of sinless and virtuous proletariat has been severely refuted by every day life and innumerable crimes among the youngsters. The Ukrainian youth which despises cheap pleasures is turning to God and religion.

The young Ukrainian generation sees clearly that Communism and not religion is the "Opium of the

people". Opium stifles clear thinking and destroys man's mind. This is exactly what the Muscovite commies were trying to do with the Ukrainians, stifling in the national consciousness that they are not Ukrainians, but Russians.

They have discovered Moscow's trick and are turning away from her communist doctrines, cheap slogans and ready-made formulas about the incoming paradise. In God alone they see the future liberation of Ukraine from the Muscovite domination, which costs Ukraine millions of victims destroyed by artificial famine in 1933 in which 5,000,000 Ukrainians died from starvation while Ukrainian grain had been shipped to feed the Muscovites. Who can forget this tragedy and stay with the Muscovite murderers of Ukraine.

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## LIIFE REQUIRES PLUCK, NOT LUCK

Great misfortunes we cannot usually avoid or repair; but little irritations, small mischances, or incidental errors are within our power to manage or correct, or cancel if we but bring our reason and self-control to bear. We harrow our feelings allow our imagination to magnify the evil, rather than tame ourselves down to the game and play it through.

If we would but reason that little setbacks are trifling disappointments are part of the big undertaking and to be met good-humoredly despite their pettiness, that they go with the business and are all in the day's work, we might include them in that greater fortitude and patience with which we meet truly difficult and trying situations or surmount really

heavy blows and discouragements. If it is wise to make stepping-stones out of stumbling-blocks, it is also wise not to be seriously discommoded by pebbles. And if little things cause us worry, let us realize that just as trifling things reassure us. We are wise to look for the innocent consolations.

One who seeks to glide away from the difficulties of life, who undertakes nothing which might in any manner spell tribulation or anxiety, who ever looks for the easy, the pleasant, and the self-indulgent part of the task, who actually "worries to escape worry," is not, after all, happy or untroubled. He becomes, after a while, supersensitive to little trials that a robust man would no more mind than the duck

minds the patter of the rain drops on its back. The ills of life that he has been seeking to outflank, finally encompass him. It is a piece of spiritual optimism that we are not usually sent temptations which are not strong enough to overcome. The same is true of our tasks and responsibilities. We shall find ourselves equal to the emergency...

We profit by cultivating moral courage.

We win our way by self-confidence.

We gain power by bravely advancing.

One of Emerson's sayings was: "Nerve yourselves on the affirm-

atives," which means that we are not to go about saying, "I cannot do this, and I cannot do the other." We must be of good heart and say, "I can," and "I will," and "I must."

Those words have courage in them.

An affirmative person is an organizer and a leader.

A negative person is a dawdler, a drag and a weight upon the enterprise—looking for a push and meriting a kick—trusting to luck, which is never dependable unless you put a 'p' before it and pronounce it pluck.

—**Humphrey J. Desmond**, *The Ways of Courage*, **Herder**.

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## SEVEN RIVERS OF GRACE

Man, composed of body and soul, lives in the midst of visible things, deals with them constantly, and gains his knowledge from them. Every day in our life, we regulate our actions to a great extent according to signs of one form or another. When we see a red light, that means stop.

It is the most logical thing in the world that visible things should have come to play a part in the religious sphere of man's life, too—that there should be symbols of man's part expressing something of our relation to God, or of His relation to us.

Have you ever heard the expression: "The Catholic Church has too many external ceremonies? We just want to pray to God without external religious signs and ceremonies!"

That statement is very similar to saying: "I just want health and strength—let's do away with medi-

cine and stethoscopes and all the external medical trappings!" No, we cannot do away with all those things and still have health. Neither can we do away with external religious rites and expect our souls to remain strong and healthy. Man's knowledge of spiritual things depends on the use of his senses.

We are composed of body as well as soul; we are not completely spiritual as the angels. We have a material part to our existence. In view of that, we might well realize why God has come down to our level by using things we can see or hear to express and bring about spiritual realities we cannot see. It was fitting, therefore, that the sacraments, which were to bring man the supernatural, spiritual gifts of grace, be instituted by Christ as visible signs which could be perceived by man.

God has taken ordinary elements—bread, oil, water for instance, and

commanded that they be used to express and accomplish a spiritual result. There are many external ceremonies in the Catholic Church, but there are seven that stand in a class by themselves. They are seven **Sacraments**.

### Why the Sacraments?

When Christ came into this world, was born, suffered and died, He gained for us the title to heaven. He gained a store of grace, of all the spiritual helps necessary for men to get to heaven. Was anything else necessary? Yes. All this merit, this whole store of spiritual aid, had to be applied to individual souls. How were the fruits of Christ's life to reach the countless generations after Christ? How was this vast supply of grace and spiritual aid to become a personal living reality in our own souls? To solve this problem, Our Lord established the seven sacraments, seven channels so to speak, through which all the graces and blessings won by Christ's life on earth could flow into each individual soul.

If you have ever traveled through the country where there are large areas of farm land, perhaps you've noticed that some use an irrigation plan—a system of pipes and canals—to bring water to each tree or plant. It is necessary not only to have a vast supply of water, but also some means to bring this life-giving water to each tree. No matter how much water is contained in the lake or source of supply, if there are no canals or pipes to carry it to each individual tree, the trees will soon die.

Christ, by His life and death, gained an unlimited supply of spiritual helps. It was necessary that some means be set up to tap this

supply and channel it to each individual. The Sacraments are these means—they are the channels of divine grace to our souls.

### — The Word of God. —

Applicants for passport are asking to mention any distinguishing marks or peculiarities they may have had sometimes with curious results. One lady thought that her long and luxuriant hair was something exceptional and stated that she had hair below the knees. The passport writer, after much puzzling, compromised by inserting the inscription "hairy knees."

A Latin-American, describing his country to his English host, mentioned that their most popular sport was bullfighting.

"Isn't it revolting?" the young lady of the house observed.

"No," replied the Latin. "that is our second most popular sport."

Two tourists were standing in front of a home in Washington watching big name government officials emerge from a party.

One congressman had imbibed a little too freely and was slightly tipsy as he left.

"I presume," said one tourist to the other, "that is what is referred to as a high Government official."

"The baseball game today was wonderful, a real thriller". said a member of the losing team to the umpire. "It's too bad that you did not see it!"

"I resent him saying there's a fool in every family."

"Why?"

"He knows very well I'm an only child."

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